

INTRODUCTION

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Having been myself long familiar with the admirable diaries of Captain Cartwright, and having received no little personal inspiration from them, I have often regretted they were not within reach of more men of the present day. I have even gone so far as to try and set time enough aside to do a work myself that it had not pleased any one else to do. I firmly believe, however, it is only the scarcity of copies, and the little knowledge of them, that has led to their not being previously published. Thus it may readily be conceived how gladly I learned that Dr. Townsend had undertaken this labour of love—a work I consider altogether worthy of commendation. There are too few classics of the type of Borrow's "Bible in Spain" and White's "Natural History of Selbourne" that picture so clearly and obviously truthfully, the struggles and trials, the joys and interests of a very human being—such as most of us find ourselves to be. This book does not conventionally portray the life of a saint, but faithfully depicts that of a sinner—a class of books perhaps likely to do just as much good—being more interesting and therefore likely to